First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

February 12, 2023
10:00 am
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Racial Justice Sunday

“From the Heart”

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE — ***Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud** — **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Solitude" By Duke Ellington

WELCOME — **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — **PASTOR LIZ**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - Worship Leader this morning is Dan Kidder-McQuown.
  - Greeters are Ivan Harner (Roomie) and Ellie Gusman (Zoomie) and they will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements tolks o Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
282 NCH

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Responsive — **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

Leader: Come! Come into the place where God listens!

People: Where you need no money, no status, no fine clothes!

Leader: Come as you are: broken, whole, sick, well, satisfied or with deep needs.

People: Come to sing. Come to cry. Come to hear. Come to see.

Leader**:** Come and be ready; or come to be made ready.

People: **We are here. God is here too.**

HYMN — *Microphone muted — *Standing optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
43 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Sirach 15:15-20**
1Corinthians 3:4-9 **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

SECOND READING **Matthew 5:33-37** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"A Heart with Wings"
Cagle/Lyon

MORNING MESSAGE **"From the Heart"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

O Holy One, we come today to claim our relationship with you.
We pray for the commitment to grow together,
Sharing the gifts you give us with others here and in the wider world.
Forgive us for the hurt we have inflicted and help us forgive those who have hurt us.
Give us strength and discipline to nurture our relationship with you;
To care for every part of your creation;
To foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need;
To work to end all war, and violence, and discord;
To respond joyfully when you call,
and freely giving ourselves as you have shown the way.
We open our hearts to you and your creation.
In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ.
Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Our spending priorities measure our loyalties.
They reveal who or what is really our God.
Our giving is not to support a budget but to give thanks to God.
How thankful are we?

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offeringplace on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Day Dreaming"** By, Jerome Kern **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v,2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

Faithful God, we give in gratitude for your abundant gifts to us.
You have not forsaken us when we were unfaithful.
You have not abandoned us in the hells of our own making.
You keep calling to us when we pursue other gods.
Go with, help us as we accept the assignments you give us. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Song of the Soul"
81 ES

BENEDICTION **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Let us answer God's call to wage peace,
to breathe out love and light, healing, and compassion.
And now, with God surrounding us,
Jesus beside us, and the Holy Spirit within us,
Let us greet one another with signs of peace.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Hymn to Freedom" By, Oscar Peterson

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
[Worship Leader], Worship Leader/Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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- **Prayer of Dedication:** Lavon Baylor, *Taught By Love.*
- **Benediction:** *Seekers Church*
- *Cris Williamson Bio: Wikipedia*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108.

Worship Next Week: Worship Leader, Patty Sherwood; Greeters, Donna Eyster (Roomie) and **Dan Kidder-McQuoown** (Zoomie).

Weekly Ypsi UCC Community Discernment Gatherings meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

> *These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.* I Corinthians 2:10
>
> *There is a sweet spot between the known and the unknown where originality happens; the key is to be able to linger there without panicking.* Ed Catmull, Pixar

Our next meeting is on Feb 20 at 6:30 pm on the church Zoom. Our homework assignment is to complete Best Practice website research and bring at least one example of a church's mission, vision, and values statements that best meets the criteria in Pastor Liz's follow up PDF and that resonates with you personally to screen share with the rest of the group. If you cannot attend this gathering, please submit your homework example to Pastor Liz via email by noon on Monday so she can screen share it for group discussion. (Due to the 2023 standing Monthly Worship Team Meeting schedule**, there will not be a Community Discernment Gathering held on Feb 13,** Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, or Dec 11.)

"Engaging Christian Contemplation Practices" Vitality Grant seminar continues to meet bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm through the UCC Southern New England Conference Center for Leadership Development. **Remaining dates are Feb 15**, March 1, March 15, and March 29. We are learning new ways to relax into God's presence while trusting the Spirit to guide us in discerning God's Still Speaking voice.

The Worship Team will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Our next meeting will be Monday, February 13. The remaining 2023 Worship Team Meeting dates are Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, and Dec 11.

Update on our faith community friends:

Patrick O'Brien has moved to **Regency at Canton,** for several weeks. He appreciates visits, cards, & phone calls; his room #134, (Bed 2), telephone 734-355-9076.
The address for visits or cards is: Regency at Canton
45900 Geddes Rd., Canton, MI 48188

Chris Hale continues to be at St. Joes hospital (room #403). She can be reached by text or phone at 734-985-5107 The address for visits or cards is:
Trinity Health Ann Arbor/St. Joseph Mercy
5301 McAuley Dr. , Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Keep both Patrick and Chris in prayer.

Church Council will meet at 7:00 on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next Council will be February 22nd on Zoom. All are welcome.

Annual Meeting: Save the date! The Annual Meeting of the Ypsilanti First Congregational United Church of Christ has been called for Sunday, February 19, 2023, immediately following worship.

Hope Clinic Golf Classic: Trinity Health colleagues of Dan Kidder-McQuown from the night shift have organized a golf fund-raiser for Hope Clinic. Located in Ypsilanit and serving the Ypsilanti community,

> [Hope Clinic is] *your haven of help + healing, providing* ***free medical, dental, food, and behavioral health****, caring for the Whole Person in Jesus' Name.* Hope Clinic Mission Statemeny

Where : FOX HILLS GOLF CENTER

8768 N Territorial Rd, Plymouth, Mi 48170

9:00 am shot gun start w/ Scramble format
$140 per person, $560 (foursome)
Longest drive contest
Closest to the pin contest
50/50 raffle, and raffle for prizes

For any questions email me at: JacyGabriel@gmail.com

Outing Includes:

18holes of golf w/cart, hotdog, pop, and chips at the turn. Also player dinner w/beverages and dessert.

Visit: https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/hopeclinicclassic for more details and to sign up.

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Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor/Washtenaw contribution to the assisting blacks that knew slavery and the struggle for freedom. Ypsilanti was especially instrumental in the Underground Railroad.

Excerpts *From the New York Public Library Digital Collections*

Check out your home town!
Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Detroit and points in between all had listings, step back in time. The Green Book, which was published from 1936 until the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964, listed establishments across the U.S. that welcomed blacks during a time when segregation and Jim Crow laws often made travel difficult — and sometimes dangerous.

"Carry **The Green Book** with you. You may need it," advises the cover of the 1949 edition. And under that, a quote from Mark Twain, which is heart-breaking in this context: "Travel is fatal to prejudice." **The Green Book** became very popular, with 15,000 copies sold per edition in its heydey. It was a necessary part of road trips for many families.

In the year 1900, Ypsilanti, Michigan's South Adams Street was a place where the generations that knew of slavery and the struggle for freedom, of Canadian exile and of the Civil War, of the promise of Reconstruction, its defeat and the resulting birth of Jim Crow, were still alive.

The center of this community developed around the corner of South Adams and Buffalo Streets. This corner was, and is, the site of buildings that housed the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the First Ward School, and the Good Samaritan social hall. South Adams, with its twenty-two households, was just one street in a neighborhood that stretched from South Washington in the east to Hungry Hill on the then southwest edge of the City.

This would prove to be the last class taught at the First Ward school. Teacher is Bernice Kersey. (Ypsilanti Historical Society).

Matthew Siegfried as a Masters project of Eastern Michigan University's Historic Preservation Program. Readers are encouraged to write with any questions or additions. Walking tours and presentations are available . Email: southadams1900@gmail.com

Michigan Manual of Freedmen's Progress

The book's data was collected and compiled by a panel of Michigan African Americans selected by Michigan governor Woodbridge Ferris. Their work was compiled into the "Michigan Manual of Freedman's Progress" (MMFP), by Francis H. Warren in 1915, offering a cross-section of successful black Michiganders in the early 20th century. The impetus for creating the MMFP came from Gov. Ferris. The "National Half-Century Anniversary of Negro Freedom and the Lincoln Jubilee" was scheduled to take place in Chicago in the summer of 1915, celebrating 50 years of freedom for black Americans following the 1865 ratification of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which formally abolished slavery in the United States. Congress passed the amendment on January 31, 1865. **Lincoln's home state of Illinois became the first state to ratify it on February 1, followed by Rhode Island and Michigan on February 2, 1865.** Five decades later, the Lincoln Jubilee commemorated the amendment's passage.

Michigan was represented in Chicago at the Jubilee. Some months before that event, Gov. Ferris asked black staff assistant Charles A. Warren to contact 57 black leaders from around the state and request their aid in organizing a Michigan exhibit for the Jubilee. Though there were only a few months in which to gather information, the eventual manual included meticulously tabulated lists of the over 1,200 black Michiganders who were homeowners and the more than 1,600 black Michigan soldiers who had volunteered to fight in the Civil War. The MMFP acknowledged that given its time constraints, the actual numbers could be higher.

In 1915, Washtenaw County held the distinction of having Michigan's second-highest per capita rate of black home ownership relative to total county population, exceeded only by Cass County. One factor in both counties' significant number of black residents was the historical presence of Quaker residents, many of whom actively participated in the Underground Railroad. There were **68 Ypsilanti black homeowners** and **43 black homeowners in Ann Arbor**.

The MMFP also catalogued the 196 exhibits from around the state displayed at the Jubilee. These included such handwork as fine lace, embroidery, quilts, clothing, and hand-painted china. Artwork included a variety of paintings, photographs, and examples of printing and bookbinding. Inventions, blueprints, and patent documents were also on display, as well as a variety of agricultural products. Photographs highlighted homes and businesses built and owned by black Michiganders.

Washtenaw County boasted nine contributors to the exhibition, most of whom were from Ypsilanti. Ypsi confectioner Frank Smith sent a variety of candies. Carrie Hayes and Elizabeth Mofford offered their handmade slippers. Anna Clark and William Henry James loaned their "fancy work." Fred Warren contributed a handmade cane, and Mrs. Wealthy Sherman a handmade rug. The remaining two contributors came from Whittaker, a hamlet just south of Ypsi: Emanual Carter with poultry and a Mrs. Clark with artworks**.**

The items went on display at the Jubilee, which also featured speeches, musical performances that included a mammoth choir of hundreds of singers, and other states' exhibits of black Americans' inventions, artworks, and achievements in business, manufacturing, and agriculture. The Jubilee was held from August 22 to September 16, 1915. Over 10,000 people attended the opening ceremonies and an estimated 100,000 persons had visited by the time it closed. Though the Jubilee was open to all, one visitor estimated the ratio of white attendees at only 5%.

Written by Laura Bien

282 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov-ing in my heart I will
pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing
Last time, end
in my heart I will pray. 1 Up-on the moun-tain my God
2 Oh, Jor-dan riv - er, chil - ly and
spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly
to Refrain
round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

Among the thousands of spirituals that exist today are songs of gladness and songs of sorrow. This well-known spiritual is a song of joy, captured not only in the words, but in the lively rhythms.

Tune: African-American spiritual
Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

43 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;
Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;
Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,
Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. *It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.*

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1855
Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL
For another harmonization, see 368, 495

A Heart with Wings

A hymn to celebrate the open and affirming people of faith
at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti, Michigan

The Rev. Susan Lyon

Steven Cagle

Set free, just to be hu - man, God bids us love all liv - ing things.
Set free, we'll soar like ea - gles, No cage can hold a heart with wings.
1. God is with us in our dream - ing of a day we pray is near; When we
2. God is with us in our griev - ing for our broth - ers, sis - ters, all who are
3. God is with us in our be - ing, born of spir - it, formed from clay, and cre -
4. God is with us in our liv - ing, proud to love, let us em - brace this our
all reach past the la - bels, break from pris - ons built of fear; When our care for one an - oth - er sows re-
ach - ing with re - jec - tion, scared by ha - tred's spik - y wall. For our friends whose on - ly choice was to be
at - ed in God's likeness, we each choose our sa - cred way. Yes, the spir - it is the fire in each
jour - ney to sow jus - tice, to plant kind - ness, to reap grace. Arm in arm, we're pil - grims shar - ing joys and
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To refrain
spect and self es - teem; Sure - ly our God has set us free to dream.
shunned or to de - ceive; Sure - ly our God has set us free to grieve.
hu - man face we see; Sure - ly our God has set us free to be.
tears our road will give; Sure - ly our God has set us free to live.
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Song of the Soul

Words and music by Cris Williamson

G D Am7
1+4 "Love of my life," I am cry - ing; I am not
2. What do you do for your liv - ing? Are you for -
3. Come to your life like a war - rior; Noth - in' will
D Am7 D G
dy - ing: I am danc - ing, danc - ing a - long
giv - ing, giv - ing shel - ter? Fol - low your heart;
bore yer; You can be hap - py. Let in the light;
D Am7 D Am7 D
in the mad - ness; there is no sad - ness, on - ly a
love will find you; truth will un - bind you; Sing out a
it will heal you; And you can feel you Sing out a
G Bm/F# Em D D/A D
song of the soul. chorus And we'll sing this song;
song of the soul.
song of the soul.
D7 D7/E D7/F# G C G Em7 Am
why don't you sing a - long? and we can sing
D D7 C G/B Am G
for a long, long time.
Bm/F# Em D D/A D D7 D7/E D7/F# G
Why don't you sing this song, why don't you sing
C G Em7 Am D
a - long? and we can sing for a long,

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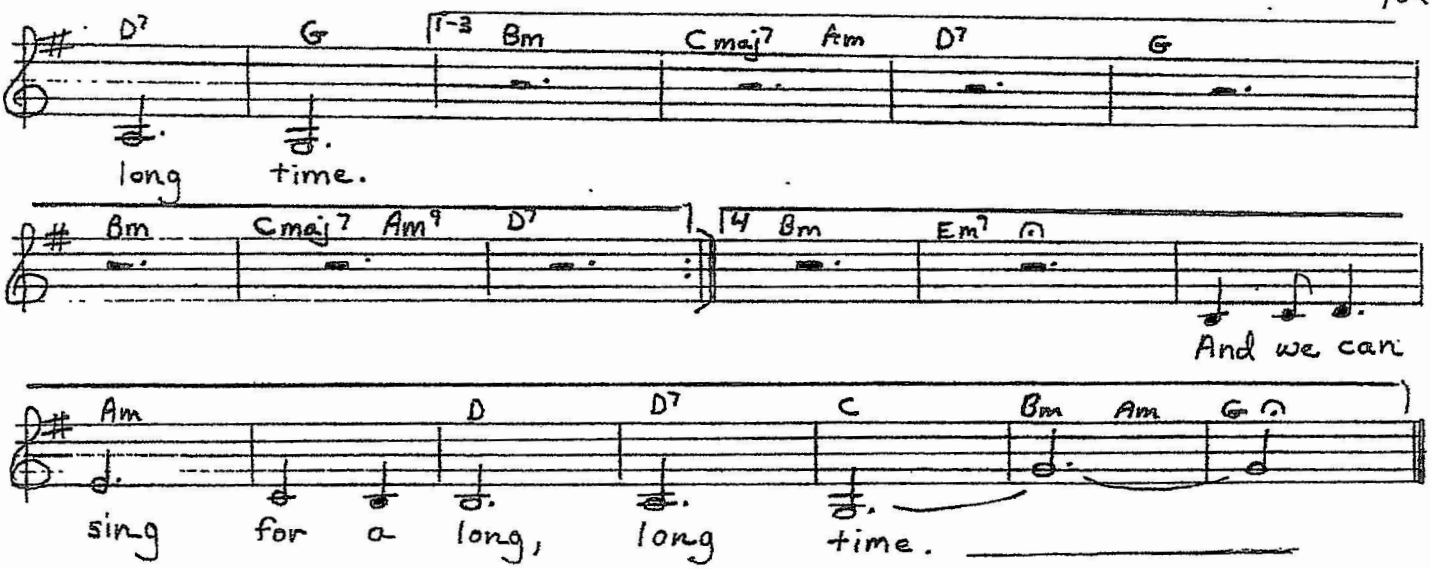

Cris Williamson (born 1947) is an American feminist singer-songwriter and recording artist. She was a visible lesbian political activist, during an era when few who were unconnected to the lesbian community were aware of Gay and Lesbian issues. Williamson's music and insight have served as a catalyst for change in the creation of women-owned record companies in the 1970s. Using her musical talents, networking with other artists working in Women's music, and her willingness to represent those who did not yet feel safe in speaking for themselves, Williamson is credited by many in the LGBT community for her contributions, both artistically, and politically, and continues to be a role model for a younger generation hoping to address concerns and obtain recognition for achievements specific to people who have historically been ignored.